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「俺を憎んでくれてもいい、恨んでもいい、どこまでも追いかけろ」虎之介

最愛の兄が、魂喰らいの妖・蜃景に喰われた虎之介は

唯一、蜃景を斬ることが出来る御神刀を手に入れ

仇討ちを誓った。

だが蜃景の哀しみを知った虎之介は

蜃景を愛してしまい

この想いは罪なのか？

御神刀が繋ぐ、4つのラブストーリー

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キャンディ
蝶よ花よ

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COMMENT

2匹で一体の漫画屋です。日々たゆたゆ〜っと物語をつむいでいます。今回は神主や神父や坊主、科学者、刀の精や妖魔までが入り乱れる話になりました。純愛を日本刀がつなぐ不思議な物語をお楽しみいただけるとうれしいです…。

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いちずな氷月
The Sincere Frozen Moon

GYU
SUCH STRONG WIND...
THE BARRIER ... IS IN PLACE.
THE SEAL BOOK... WE HAVE IT.
EVERY-THING IS READY ...
WHAT'S LEFT IS FOR YOU TO DRAW THE HOLY SWORD AND HAVE NINOMIYA" CUT DOWN THE EVIL
IS... IS THAT SO...?
WELL, THEN...
Trembl
Trembl...

I'M FINE!!
Trouble
Whispers
YOUR VOICE IS SHAKING; ARE YOU OKAY?
I WON'T ASK FOR THE SPECIFIC DETAILS,
BUT WHAT KIND OF THING ARE YOU SEEING ?
YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW ...?
ABSO-LUTELY.
WE... WELL... IT H'S 10 HANDS AND 20 FEET. IT HAS A LONG, SLITHERING BODY, COLORED WHITE,RED, AND BLACK..
And
Young master Kang is there!
I CAN ONLY SEE IT AS A WHITE FLARE....
IT HAS EYES ALL OVER ITS BODY.

Hiii!
Grasp
IT EVEN HAS TENTACLES
It's dangerous!
ASAGI, THE HOLY SWORD!
SLASH
SHIT
QUICK, THE HOLY SWORD!
Grasp
Argh!
Drdus

Blast
Heavenly Sword Nimmingyo
Appear before Me!
Swish
Become my blade and slay the evil!
Possessed
Shink
Blob Blob
HHHH!
The green, green— gooey
ASAGI!! GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!!
Green
...
ASAGI!
Green
HANG IN THERE, IT'S FINISHED!
Project Kuon: The monster of evil is!

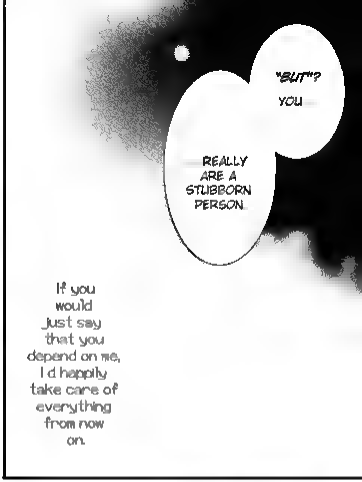
YOU WERE FORCING YOURSELF...
No mistake about it
NOPE... I THINK I'VE BECOME USED TO IT.
TODAY WASN'T SO DANGEROUS ....
right?
ARE YOU FINISHED?
YES.
THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL, I'M STUFFED
Smile
SETS DOWN
YEAH, RIGHT

NO NEED TO STARE I'LL DRINK THEM
VITAMIN, MINERAL AND AMINO PILLS THESE WILL EASE YOUR FATIGUE
What!?
PLOP
SINCE YOU CAN'T HAVE ANY FOOD WHEN YOU'RE WORKING YOUR NUTRITION IS UNBALANCED
Here's the water
Thanks
STILL, DON'T YOU THINK THAT I'M GETTING BETTER AT THE JOB?
IT'S ALREADY BEEN HALF A YEAR SINCE I FIRST STARTED
What a sour face
WELL MY PROGRESS IS SLOW BECAUSE I'M NOT AS CAPABLE AS YOU

I'VE ALWAYS LOOKED AT MY FATHER'S BACK
AND THOUGHT THAT ONE DAY I'D BECOME A GREAT EXORCIST, LIKE HIM.
DID YOU THINK I WOULD MISS A CHANGE IN MY LOVER?
Swallows
YOU LOOK THINNER.
EH, REALLY?
You have rice on your face
Flicks
ARE YOU IN ANY WAY MAD AT ME?
DO YOU REMEMBER DOING ANYTHING THAT WOULD MAKE ME MAD?
Growls

NO...
BUT I'M SORRY
PLEASE STOP APOLOGIZING FOR SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT EVEN AWARE OF DOING
I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WORRY...
stand
BUT

OH YEAH, THE ONE FOR TOUGEN-SAN
TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE INVOLVES A LAND PURIFYING RITUAL
THERE'S ALSO A LAST-MINUTE EXORCISM
BACK OFF


"BUT"? YOU
REALLY ARE A STUBBORN PERSON.
If you would just say that you depend on me, I'd happily take care of everything from now on.

Shudder
Fleet
A SPIRIT BALL IS IT?
Eeew!
Gross
It has pinkish internal organs...
Even though my eyes are sharper than those of the average human being...

I will go with you, tomorrow.
I don't have the courage to let him go by himself.
Thanks.
But...
We can't just change the schedule as we see fit.
...but that's enough for an exorcism.
I can only see spirits as blurry shapes.
Maybe it followed me... because it keeps growing...
I don't feel anything bad from it. But do you want me to exorcise it?
No, it's ok.
Asagi, you've seen too much.

THE REQUEST FOR THE EXORCISM CAME FROM MY FATHER'S CLOSE FRIEND, SO WE CAN'T POSTPONE IT
...AND NEITHER CASE COULD BE HANDLED BY THE ASSISTANTS ALONE
WELL...
SO I'LL LEAVE THE LAND PURIFYING RITUAL TO YOU...
ASAGI...
IT'LL BE FINE
BESIDES, IT SEEMS THAT THE EVIL SPIRIT ISN'T MUCH OF A PROBLEM THE ASSISTANT AND I CAN HANDLE IT
Should I bring the Holy Sword too?
OKAY, LET'S PREPARE FOR TOMORROW!
Will it really...
...be fine?

I'm restless
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK
THANK YOU
I should've gone with him
THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BUT TODAY...
I know that not all bad premonitions come true, but...
Barge in
THERE YOU ARE!! TACHIBANA-SAN!!
WE HAVE PREPARED A MEAL.
THANK YOU FOR THE HARD WORK, NEGI-SAMA.
*Negi-sama = Exorcist
YOUNG MASTER HAS COLLAPSED...
!!
TAE-SAN!
Hash
Hash
NEGI-SAMA, PLEASE RETURN... IMMEDIATELY...

TACHIBANA-SAN!
WHERE'S ASAGI?!
HE'S RESTING IN HERE.
I DON'T THINK HE HIT HIS HEAD.
but it was quite a fall.
WHAT ABOUT THE ASSISTANTS?
WE WERE SAFE BECAUSE WE HAD SOME DISTANCE
DISTANCE?
BECAUSE YOUNG MASTER SAID THAT THE EVIL SPIRIT WAS STRONGER THAN HE EXPECTED
Stronger than expected, huh?
It'll be fine, my ass
THANK YOU. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST-

This wouldn't have happened if I had helped with the exorcism.
ASAGI, CUT ME SOME SLACK...
TACHIBANA...
GOOD WORK
I ALSO MANAGED TO FINISH MY JOB
YOU SHOULD BE RESTING
YES, THANK YOU
Thank goodness he made it through today.
...but if he falls in the middle of a job...

I can't leave things as they are.
"NINOMIYA"... I NEED TO TALK TO YOU
Grab
Draws
FORGIVE ME...
TACHIBANA! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO DRAW THE SWORD YOU'LL ONLY DIRTY IT...
I WILL LEARN ALL ABOUT ASAGI'S KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNIQUES.
SO DURING EXORCISM, COULD YOU USE ME AS YOUR MEDIUM INSTEAD OF ASAGI?
IF YOU WANT TO USE ME, YOU HAVE TO INHERIT THE GUUJI'S* POSITION ONLY THEN WILL I OBEY YOUR ORDERS.
*Guuji—Shinto priests. Ground first-tier
T'sst.
Just as I thought. I can't leave things as they are.
Sqeeee
WE HEAVENLY SWORDS, CANNOT BE USED BY TWO PEOPLE AT THE SAME TIME.
TELL ME, "NINOMIYA", HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE FALLEN TO "THE JOB"?

ACCORDING TO MY KNOWLEDGE 140 MEN.
THAT MANY...
I have to do something...
...before I lose Asagi.
CREAK
Hn...?
Tachibana...
Door closes
THERE'S SOME KIND OF "SPELL",
THAT, AS A GUUJI, YOU ARE BOUND BY... AM I RIGHT?

AH, YES.
BECAUSE WORDS CONTAIN POWER, FATHER TOLD ME TO NEVER SPEAK LIES
Puts on
THEN PROMISE ME THAT YOU WILL NEVER TAKE BACK WHATEVER COMES OUT OF YOUR MOUTH
OF... OF COURSE
PLEASE SAY THAT YOU WILL GIVE THE GUIJI'S POSITION TO ME.
What...?
WHAT... BUT, TACHIBANA, WHY...?
THAT YOU WILL MAKE ME YOUR SUCCESSOR.
I WILL NOT ACCEPT ANYTHING BUT "YES".
I WILL MAKE THOSE WORDS... LEAVE OUT FROM YOUR MOUTH

Twitch
Lick
Lick
Twitch
Twitch
Lift
YOU CAN'T RESIST, CAN YOU?
THERE'S NOTHING ABOUT YOU THAT I DON'T KNOW
Tremble
BAD BOY
NO—
ah.
Ah...
I ONLY HAVE ONE WISH
Lick
YOU ONLY NEED TO SAY ONE LITTLE WORD, THAT'S ALL
Stroke

IF YOU SAY IT, I'LL LET YOU CUM.
fuck
suck
Aaah!
aaah
EASY, RIGHT...?
Twirk
Grit
tsk

WHAT...?
GIVE IT UP, ALREADY.
Twitch
Twitch
IF YOU DO, I WON'T TORTURE YOU ANYMORE.
Twitch
Thump
YOU'RE EVEN SENSITIVE, HERE.
Aah!
PLEASE, HAVE MERCY...
Twitch
Twitch
Aah!
Lick

THE TRUTH IS, YOU WANT ME TO LICK OTHER PLACES TOO. RIGHT?
Lick
IF YOU WANT MORE THAN THIS JUST ANSWER ME.
ASAGI.
Grit
QUICK!
Why..
Why are you doing this...?
Weep
Weep
TSK...

I WANT TO BECOME A MAN WHO DESERVES YOU.
SOMEONE YOU CAN BE PROUD OF.
YOU'RE WRONG...
THIS IS MY PRIDE AS A LOVER...
<PUSH>
Stubborn fool!
Are you doing this to spite me!!?
grab
I DON'T WANT TO BE SHELTERED AND PROTECTED FOREVER.
THAT'S WHY I DON'T WANT TO BECOME SOMEONE WHO STARTS SOMETHING BUT RUNS AWAY IN THE MIDDLE OF IT...
Tsk

Because he is this kind of person..
HOLD..
Aaah!
Trembla
Shiver
I LOVE YOU
TACHI-BANA
..diligent and sincere.
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT.
Ah
Murmur
Ya Tachibana, too tight
SQUEEZE
Ahh

TA... TACHI-BANA
HAVE MERCY...
I CAN'T HOLD IT ANY MORE...
PLEASE, TACHI-BANA.

I WANT TO SHELTER YOU
BUT EVEN AT THE MOST CRUCIAL OF TIMES...
YOU WON'T LET ME

TODAY, WE HAVE YET ANOTHER BIG ONE.
You don't look so good, Asagi. Just don't fall.
ASAGI, HERE'S THE HOLY SWORD.
WHEN FATHER TOOK ME ON HIS JOBS, I NEVER ONCE SAW AN EVIL
DRAW

THE ONLY THING I SAW WAS MY FATHER'S BACK
I WAS SO AFRAID I COULDN'T SEE STRAIGHT.
BUT THEN I TOOK MY FATHER'S PLACE, AND STOOD FACE TO FACE WITH THEM, I STOOD MY GROUND AND NEVER STEPPED BACK.
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU.
!
BECAUSE YOU'RE BEHIND ME. I CAN FACE FORWARD
Clutch
Am I forcing him to stand his ground?
No that's not it. Besides, now isn't the time to have negative thoughts.
TACHIBANA-

"Heavenly Sword Hinomiya"
GLADLY.
COULD YOU GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE TIME...?
I WILL PROVE TO YOU THAT I CAN DO THIS
He is standing his ground.

Do you summon me, Gouja-sama?
Because although he is facing the enemy...
above all he is fighting against him self.
That feeling won't let him stop back.
Master
Tremble
Tremble
Tremble
But..
WHEN I SEE HIM, I CAN'T HELP BUT WORRY
SLIDE
IS IT OKAY TO TOUCH YOU DURING THE RITUAL?
Ah...
EH..
HUH, WHAT...?

WOW... THAT WAS FAST
!!
IF YOU ARE IN MY ARMS YOU CAN RELAX A BIT. RIGHT?
HAVE YOU DONE THE SUMMONING PROPERLY?
Summoning is the most basic thing I can!
I I KNOW THAT...

RANR GROWL
HEY...
WAIT...
DON'T WORRY. I'LL WATCH YOUR BACK.
THIS WAY, YOU WON'T BE AFRAID RIGHT? AND IF YOU FELL, I COULD CATCH YOU IN NO TIME.

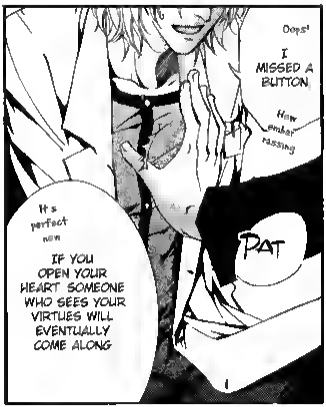
ARE YOU SUPPORTING ME WHILE I'M DOING MY JOB?
THAT'S FINE WITH ME, BUT
IT'S JUST THAT I FEEL LIKE I'M BEING SPOILED
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF SPOILING YOU I'M JUST SUPPORTING YOU
SO THATYOU CAN FIGHT WITH EASE
Uhm...
IS THAT A PROBLEM, NINOMIYA?
NO, AS LONG AS YOU'RE NOT DISTURBING US AND MASTER CAN FIGHT MORE EASILY
TACHIBANA, THANK YOU

Nnn-miya!
Become my blade and slay the evil!
I'M HAPPY WHEN YOU'RE BESIDE ME...
I ALWAYS FEEL THAT WAY...
I WANT TO UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS MORE...
ALLOW ME TO HAVE THAT MUCH...
Possessed
END

あやうげな朧月
The Dangerous New Moon

I have an unrequited love for this man who always visits me during my breaks.
HEY EI, WOULD YOU LISTEN TO ME?
But he's a rather troublesome person.
Okay, okay.
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME HARUAKI?
WELL, MY BOSS

LATELY, HE'S SO FUSSY ABOUT MY CLOTHES.
IT'S NOT LIKE MY CLOTHES WOULD KEEP ME FROM DOING MY JOB, RIGHT?
WHY IS IT ALWAYS ME ?
MAYBE HE THINKS OF YOU AS THE OTHERS' ROLE MODEL?
You're having that for lunch again?
Chow Chow
Yes.
But, by God, how can you be...
Ahahaha...
WELL, I AM SCRUFFY.
In many ways.


Oops!
I MISSED A BUTTON
How embarrassing
It's perfect now
IF YOU OPEN YOUR HEART SOMEONE WHO SEES YOUR VIRTUES WILL EVENTUALLY COME ALONG
PAT

BUT THERE ARE ONLY MEN AT MY WORKPLACE
Chew
THEN, THE CHANCE IS EVEN BIGGER

...this fragile.
IF YOU MADE JUST A BIT MORE OF AN EFFORT, PEOPLE WOULD START TO LIKE YOU
SUPPORT ME

I CAN'T STAND IT I WORRY...
...THAT SOMEONE WILL TAKE YOU AWAY FROM ME.
He... he doesn't get it.
I'm not rich, you know
?
kid-napped?
WELL, LUNCH TIME IS OVER.
ISN'T IT TIME FOR YOU TO GO BACK?
WHAT?
Swing
Stand
YOU'RE RIGHT
crap!

DOOR CLOSES
I'LL BE WAITING
SEE YOU LATER
BYE, EI
I'm late. I'm late
OH, HARUAKI YOU REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND AT ALL
sigh
click
HONESTLY WHAT A TROUBLESOME PERSON
HEY, CHIEF
KUNOU
splash
I'm sleepy
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?

Scratch
I TOLD YOU TO TAKE CARE
YES, MY CLOTHES
OH
CRAP, THEY'RE ALL WET
Che
Grit
YOU DID THAT DELIBERATELY!
HUH?
Hello
!!
ЧWAAA!!

Zaaash
Don't tempt me!!

HARUAKI,
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
Gnaw
Gnaw
Gnaw
Gnaw

I WAS KISSED
BY MY BOSS
THEN HE SUDDENLY ACCUSED ME OF TEMPTING HIM
Damn it
BUT NOW, I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND
I USED TO RESPECT HIM BECAUSE OF HIS DEDICATION TO HIS WORK

YOU KNOW HARUAKI
THIS SHOWS THAT YOU ARE A VERY ATTRACTIVE PERSON
DON'T I ALWAYS TELL YOU THAT?
I'M NOT SAYING THAT I UNDERSTAND THE PERSON WHO TROUBLED YOU...
Crunk
Fidget Fidget
ATTRACTIVE HUH?

BUT EVEN I...
...HAVE WANTED TO DO THIS
someone else...

HARUAKI I'M SORRY I'VE DONE SOMETHING UNCALLED FOR
Jolt
I'M FINE, EI, SINCE IT'S YOU
AS EXPECTED FROM A FATHER YOUR KISS IS VERY SERENE

——— This is troublesome...

Pour
ANYWAY,
YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO LET PEOPLE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOU.
What can I say to make you understand my feelings?
I don't know anymore.
WELL, I WANT TO,
BUT WE DO WORK IN THE SAME PLACE.
THEN TRY NOT TO BE ALONE WITH HIM
FROM NOW ON, DRESS PROPERLY
OKAY, I WILL.
If you don't have decent clothes, I'll lend you some
Could you
Thanks
AND AVOID THAT BOSS OF YOURS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE
Gulp
YEAH... I COULD PROBABLY DO THAT

!
YOU AGREE WITH ME?
Don't chase me out of here man
I thought you were just going to lecture me
THAT'S NOT SUCH A BAD IDEA, EITHER.
Sigh
MAN MAYBE I SHOULD JUST QUIT MY JOB AND JOIN THE FAMILY BUSINESS

I JUST WANT YOU TO HAVE PEACE OF MIND
It would have been better...
...if I could keep you here forever

ANYONE STILL IN HERE?
CREAK
AH, I'M SORRY I M JUST DOING SOME ANALYSIS
CRAP, IT'S GOT CHEMICAL STAINS
BUZZZ
BUZZ

!!
CHIEF!!
Door closes
um
grasp
I WARNED YOU, KUNOU...
TEAR
Push
Ah..!!
NOT TO TEMPT ME!

WHY...
DO THIS...?
HURTS...
LET ME GO...
Uh...
Uh...
DON'T PRETEND TO BE INNOCENT.
ARE YOU TRYING TO MOCK ME!?
WHAT...?
PULL
haa haa
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
Uh!
Aaah !!
YOU'VE OPENLY FLIRTED WITH ME
DON'T FUCK WITH ME!!
Tch

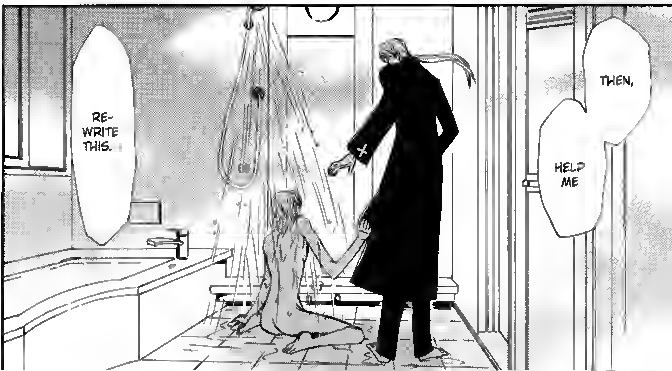
Stop...
n-no...
SOB
COME ON, BE HAPPY
...
THRUST
Uuuh
THRUST
Uuuuh
YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED THIS, RIGHT!?
LOOK AT YOUR FACE; IT FEELS GOOD, DOESN'T IT!?
Uh, no!
No...
THRUST
THRUST
HARU-AKI...

Sag
Haruaki!!
WHAT HAPPENED!? WHY ARE YOU BAREFOOTED...
YOU TOLD ME TO BE CAREFUL AROUND HIM...
BUT HE...
BL...
!!!

Zaaasssh
Even though you were crying,
I couldn't say a word.
Haruaki...
Zaaasssh
I should have done something before it came to this...
Eh...
WHAT SHOULD I DO ...?
Ioff
YOU'RE BLEEDING...
I STILL FEEL...
LIKE HE'S TOUCHING ME...
BAM

I'LL GO AND GET THE FIRST AID KIT
Grabs
DON'T GO!
DON'T GO... I'M BEGGING YOU

Pang
EL
IS THIS WHAT IT FEELS LIKE...
...TO BE LIKED?
!
IF IT'S SO...


THEN,
HELP ME
RE-WRITE THIS.

TO ME...
IT WOULD BE A THOUSAND TIMES BETTER TO DO THIS WITH YOU THAN WITH SOMEONE LIKE HIM!
I'M SORRY... I KNOW THAT I'M BEING UNREASONABLE...
SINCE YOU'RE A PRIEST AND ALL...
BUT...
HARUAKI
ZAAASH
I'M SO SELFISH

IF YOU SAY THAT IT'S ALRIGHT, THEN WHO AM I TO REFUSE?
SO PLEASE DON'T SAY ANYTHING THAT WILL ONLY HURT YOU
Ugh...
El...
This is hardly the proper time to confess my feelings.
Nevertheless...
IS IT...
IS IT REALLY OKAY...?
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO HOLD YOU!

I LOVE YOU,
HARUAKI
ZUUUU~N

ふぅ

Unngh...
Thrust
Thrust
I WON'T LET YOU FEEL LIKE THAT AGAIN... FORGET IT...
IT WAS THE WORST
IT WAS... PAINFUL AND SCARY
Twitch
Twitch
Twitch

Unngh..
I WON'T... GO BACK TO THAT PLACE AGAIN
Aaah!
Thrust
Thrust
thrust
thrust
Ah...
IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO SEE YOU... BUT I...
QUIT... THEN JOIN YOUR FAMILY BUSINESS?

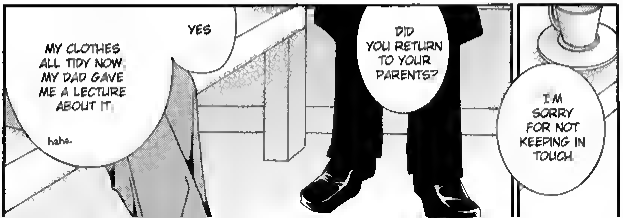
Hold
I WILL FOLLOW YOU WHEREVER YOU GO
AH!
I WOULD NEVER LEAVE YOU ALONE
Hum
Ah
PLEASE RELAX. I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU.
IS THIS OKAY ?
YEAH, IT'S OKAY !!
THRUST
Thrust
I THINK IT'S FINE
Ah
Ah !
Thrust
Thrust
Ah

Ah
Ah
Gu ugh
Haaa
Squeeze
DOING IT WITH YOU...
Lift
E...
EL...
Haaa
Thrust
Thrust
Ac
Lock
...FEELS GOOD
Grasp
Aa
Haaa
Ha
I DON'T HATE DOING THIS WITH YOU
haa

Even if your feelings...

...are just gratitude for this moment of consolation I've given you.

After that night,
Haruaki quit his job and
hasn't come to see me again.


YES
DID YOU RETURN TO YOUR PARENTS?
I'M SORRY FOR NOT KEEPING IN TOUCH.
MY CLOTHES ALL TIDY NOW. MY DAD GAVE ME A LECTURE ABOUT IT.
haha.

WHILE I WAS THERE
I KEPT THINKING ABOUT WHY I COULD ONLY THINK OF COMING TO YOU THAT NIGHT
AND ALSO... WHY I DIDN'T HATE DOING IT WITH YOU
THEN I UNDER-STOOD...
I...
I LOVE YOU. EI
Fidget Fidget
WELL, I...
IF YOU DON'T FEEL THE SAME WAY...
Fidget Fidget
OH, THIS IS SO EMBAR-RASSING
I feel so self-conscious!
HARUAKI ...

...REALLY TRUE?
IS THAT...
Grasp
I'M GLAD I SAID IT
I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT!
Bye!
Stands
WHAT ...!?
AFTER GOING INTO THE FAMILY BUSINESS, I THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE HARD TO SAY THIS TO YOU,
BUT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, MY FEELINGS FOR YOU WON'T CHANGE.

WA, WAIT A MINUTE!
YOU'RE JUST GOING TO GO HOME RIGHT AFTER CONFESSING YOUR LOVE TO ME?
WELL, I STILL HAVE TRAINING...
TRAINING?
Do NO
Yes
MONK'S TRAINING
My house is a temple.
LIKE THIS...
From now on, please call me Yasuhou
Aah! It is difficult for a monk and a Priest to meet
Mo...monk——!?
WELL, I FIGURED...
...THAT IT WOULD BE INCONVENIENT FOR YOU...
Fidget
NOT ALL, HARUAKI.
Aach...

BECAUSE I ALSO LOVE YOU,
HARUAKI
You really are...
NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF OBSTACLES STAND IN OUR WAY, MY FEELINGS WON'T CHANGE
...troublesome person.
END

Special Comic Issue
Heavenly Swords Bulletin
THERE IS A SPECIAL SHRINE
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DEEP FOREST WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE CITY.
THEIR DUTY IS TO SLAY EVIL SPIRITS.
DEEP INSIDE THE SHRINE, THERE ARE FIVE SWORDS WHO CAN TRANSFORM INTO HUMAN SHAPE.
THESE HOLY BEINGS ACT AS "GOD"S REPRESENTATIVES AGAINST EVIL. THEY ARE "HEAVENLY SWORDS."
THEY HAVE PROBLEMS AND SUFFER JUST LIKE HUMAN BEINGS.
THEY ALSO FALL IN LOVE.

Q. 《What is that?》 "Heavenly Sword"
FOR GENERATIONS, KANNUSHI HAVE ALWAYS CARRIED SWORDS
WHICH HAD BEEN INFUSED WITH A "HOLY SPIRIT",
TO HELP THEM DURING EXORCISM.
FOR THAT REASON ALLOW ME-YUUNAGI, THE PRESENT KANNUSHI!"- TO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING HEAVENLY SWORDS.
WHAT AM I SAYING— SWORDS? FALL IN LOVE? THAT WOULD BE DIFFICULT!
*Supreme Master
Splash
Be blessed, be blessed!
Yaaaaay!
<Nanaki> IS THE YOUNGEST OF THEM ALL. MADE DURING THE HEISEI ERA.
Hmm, it's not shining
Poof
Poof
He is so diligent!
I was the one who made Nanaki. Oh, he's so cute.
ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT HUMAN, THEY LIVE AS THOUGH THEY WERE
<Itsumi> MADE DURING THE EDO PERIOD. HE'S A BIT OF A SLACKER!
<Rikushu> MADE DURING THE BAKUMATSU ERA. HE HAS A MEEK PERSONALITY EVEN THOUGH HE'S A SWORD. SOMEBODY DO SOMETHING ABOUT HIM!
Stingy!
DO IT YOURSELF
AH, NINOMIYA, YOU'RE WRITING YOUR REPORT? COULD YOU DO MINE TOO?
Clack Clack Clack
click
<Mikoto> MADE DURING THE KAMAKURA ERA. DUE TO HIS KARMA FROM HIS PREVIOUS LIFE, HE HAS NO COMPASSION TOWARD THE ENEMY
<Ninomiya> MADE DURING THE HEIAN ERA. HE HAS THE MOST EXPERIENCE SO HE HAS BIG ATTITUDE.

Rokushi! I told you to not cry during your job!!
Next! Ninomiya and Nanaki take care of the spiritual phenomenon at Odaiba*!!
WELL I HAVE IT EASY
Mukoto, go to Shibuya, you have a job there!
BECAUSE THEY DO ALL THE HARD WORK
Right now, he's feeling like an experienced coordinator
ITSUMI! WILL YOU STOP PLAYING GAMES!? GO TO THE CLIENT'S PLACE AND DO THE EXORCISM AT ONCE!
THAT'S WHY DURING THEIR TIME OFF, THEY DO AS THEY PLEASE
Mikoto's sleeping inside the sword
ME
Q. Even though they are Spirits, why do Heavenly Swords wear coats and glasses?
You guys, go change
WELL I'VE BEEN ASKED THIS A LOT. LET ME SHOW YOU WHY I MADE THEM "THAT WAY"
IT BECOMES DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WHO THE KANNUSHI IS.
THE POINT IS...
Nanaki, Ninomiya! There's an evil spirit so come out here.
WELL, LET'S LEAVE THAT BEHIND AND MOVE TO THE COMBAT SECTION ♪
IT'S TIME FOR SOME EXORCISING
Whoooooo

Huh?
You two are in a weird mood.
But do your job seriously!
Uh
Naoaki, look out!!
Eeeeee
Evil spirit! In front of you...
"CLASH"
"CLASH"
Huh?

Slide..
ARE YOU OKAY NANAKI ? ARE YOU HURT?
NO I'M ALL RIGHT...
Tremble
THANK GOOD-NESS...
WELL THEN IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME GUUJI-SAMA
SWISH
Nanaki ?
Wait Nunomiya, you can't just return to the sword.
Ugh
NOTHING-
IT'S NOTHING GUUJI-SAMA
PLEASE EXCUSE ME
CLANK
SWISH
?
?
?

SOME-
THING
MUST'VE
HAPPENED
BETWEEN
THE TWO OF
YOU
I
COULD
ONLY
STAND AS
OBSERVER
TO THIS
LOVE STORY WHICH
TRANSCENDS
TIME
END

My brother was in a traffic accident.
WHAT...?
I just ate his soul.
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU...?
WHAT DID YOU DO TO MY BROTHER!?
I just told you that I ate his soul.
Are you stupid?
He'll stay this way forever.
His injuries weren't supposed to be fatal.

Hate me, Teranosuke.
Ugh...
SLAM
My name is Shenjin.
Lick
Wherever I go, chase me...
If only this creature hadn't turned him into an empty shell...

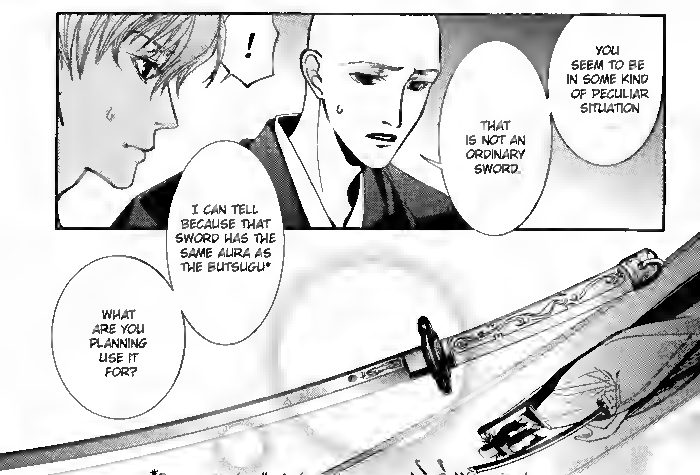
まひるの楔

Midday Mirage

THE WOUND ON YOUR CHEST IS PRETTY BAD.
Tick
Tick
Tick
Tick
WHERE ...?
Tick
Tick
YOU'D BETTER NOT GET UP TOO SUDDEN-LY.....
Tick
Tick
Tick
Tick

THE BLADE'S LENGTH EXCEEDS 70CM, A TRUE NUKIMI*
IT'S A DANGEROUS SWORD YOU HAVE HERE, BOY
Eh!
YOUSHOU-SAN IS A KIND PERSON, SO DON'T CUT HIM, OKAY?
I'VE NEVER INTENDED TO USE IT TO KILL PEOPLE
Please give it back!
Ah!

*Nukimi is the term for a sword worn without a sheath i.e. naked


!
YOU SEEM TO BE IN SOME KIND OF PECULIAR SITUATION
THAT IS NOT AN ORDINARY SWORD.
I CAN TELL BECAUSE THAT SWORD HAS THE SAME AURA AS THE BUTSUGU*
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING USE IT FOR?

*Butsugu is the all of the equipments used in Buddhist rituals

REVENGE.
WHAT?
KNOW THAT THIS IS VERY ABRUPT - BUT I THINK THAT AS A MONK YOU MAY BELIEVE MY STORY.
I HAVE BEEN CHASING A DEMON WHO EATS HUMANS SOULS
HE PUT MY BROTHER INTO A COMA
I HEARD THAT THIS SWORD CAN CUT THROUGH DEMONS, SO I BORROWED IT FROM THE SHRINE

SWORD
I WILL KILL HIM...
OTHERWISE MY BROTHER'S SOUL WILL NEVER REST...
Grip
Hmm?
Given your condition right now, do you really think you could kill me, Teranuke?
Who?
Ah...!
He's here!!
I came to visit you since you were so easy to defeat the last time.

I'm glad that you seem healthier than I thought...
HOW DARE YOU COME HERE!
SHENJIN!!
DRAW
Slam
GRAB
!!
You could get hurt even more than you already are.
If you carelessly swing that around...

Thud
Made a fool of you?
You are mistaken
Thud
DAMN IT... YOU MADE A FOOL OF ME...
I was really worried...
...about you
Ah...
Lick
Caress

If I keep this up, I'll end up sucking out all of your soul.
Lick
Now go to sleep
This way, you won't be able to move for a while.
Push
Deep
Ah
I'm happy that you've been recklessly chasing after me
Ah
Haa
Haa
...but a Holy Sword that has no power won't be able to cut me.

He always makes a fool out of me.
Damn.
Shenjin!
WHAT DAY IS IT TODAY!?
OH, YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE, TORANOSUKE-KUN
!!
Morning!
chirp
chirp
So...
bright
bright
UHM... MONDAY
Did I sleep long!?
Monday!
Monday Morning!
WA... WAIT A MOMENT!
Your breakfast
WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?
THEN HE MUST BE...

I'M SORRY! I'M GOING OUT FOR A WHILE!
TORANO-SUKE-KUN!?
MY WOUND DOESN'T HURT
Damn. It's just as he expected!
Pant Pant

I don't know where he hangs around the rest of the time.
Pant Pant
but one thing I know for sure.
Every Monday morning he will be at the park's western edge.
Hmm
reek
Surrounded by greenery, he will be there at this exact time.

HE'S DOING IT AGAIN...
PANG
Don't be fooled.
He's a demon who eats human souls.
He took brother's life... Vengeance...
squeeze
BUT WHY...? WHY IS HE CRYING LIKE THAT!?

DASH
Damn it!
FUCK IT ALL... I WON'T BE A COWARD!
I WANT TO DELIVER MY REVENGE. BUT I WON'T USE DIRTY TRICKS OR AMBUSH HIM!
Why...?
Why did he have to become my nemesis!?

I WAS WORRIED... WELL... HAVE YOU TAKEN YOUR REVENGE AGAINST SHENJIN?
I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU TORANOSUKE-KUN. I'M GLAD YOU CAME BACK
CLOSES
Creak
I COULDN'T LEAVE WITHOUT SAYING THANKS
Tsk.

I'M GLAD THAT I COULD STILL MAKE IT...
Welcome back, Tsunasuke-kun!
?
I WILL... DEFINITELY
PLEASE FORGIVE ME; I KNOW THAT THIS IS NONE OF MY BUSINESS, BUT I WENT TO YOUR BROTHER'S PLACE.
WHAT...?
How did you know?
I DIDN'T FEEL ANY EVIL INTENT FROM THAT DEMON SO I WENT TO MAKE SURE
AND I FOUND OUT THAT YOUR BROTHER'S SOUL IS STILL...
Huh?
Still?
Say anything more and I'll kill you!

Ei!
SHEN-JIN!!
The same goes for you, monk. Say more and I'll take this man's soul!
Grab
!!
WAIT...! WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF HARMING YOU IN ANY WAY; WE JUST WANT TO CLEAR THINGS...
It's none of your business.
Vrrrk
ahh
BUT THE MISUNDER-STANDING...
EI-SAN HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS RELEASE HIM!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MISUNDER-STANDING...?
Misunder-standing!?
!?
Shenjin!?
I devoured your brother's soul, Toranosuke!
IT'S JUST A MISUNDER-STANDING
Fang
BECAUSE YOUR BROTHER IS

STOP!
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
SMACK
Silence!!!
Argh!!
You won't ever forgive me Right Toranosuke?
Clank
Thrust
Shenjin...!?

STOP IT, TORANO-SUKE-KUN!!
YOUR BROTHER'S SOUL WASN'T TAKEN AT ALL...
ON THE CONTRARY! WHAT HAPPENED WAS HE BOUND YOUR BROTHER'S SOUL, WHICH HAD ALMOST VANISHED TO THIS WORLD.
!
THAT MEANS HE WAS *SAVING* YOUR BROTHER!
!!!

WHAT ...?
SAVING HIM...?
That's nonsense!!
Don't be fooled by their sweet talk!!
THESE PEOPLE HAVE NO REASON TO DECEIVE ME ABOUT THIS...
Toranosuke!
SHENJIN... WHY ARE YOU SO DESPERATE ...?
SHENJIN... YOU...
Che

AH...
IF THAT'S SO
THEN I'M GLAD...
BECAUSE I WON'T HAVE TO KILL YOU
Tsk!
!? Swish

GRAB
UP UNTIL NOW, WHY ME..?
Tsk
Kill me!
!?
WAIT!
TELL ME WHY
Kill me with your own hands..
Grab
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING..!?
I REALLY DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU!
Because you wore that expression

Get your hands off me. Or your soul...
Tatara-ouke...
?
THEN WHY DID YOU ALWAYS KISS ME...?
It absorbs the soul of everything it touches.
Don't be stupid...! My whole body is lethal
IT'S FINE AS LONG AS I DON'T TOUCH YOUR LIPS
That was
Che...

YOU INTENTIONALLY MADE ME HATE YOU..
Pang
DON'T CRY..
SNIFF
I just wanted to monopolize your heart..
Nothing happened..? even though you touched me..

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I CARRY THIS SWORD...?
LET'S JUST MAKE SURE BY DOING THE USUAL
THEN WE'LL UNDER-STAND...
squeeze

Tetano-
suke..
SEE...
I'M
FINE,
SHENJIN.
..to
hold
you
like
this
..
I've
always
wanted

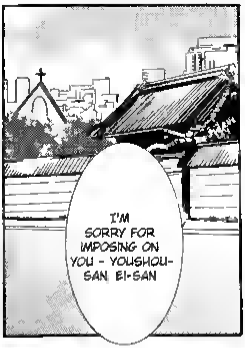
IF I DON'T HAVE THIS SWORD I WON'T BE ABLE TO BE TOUCHED BY SHENJIN...
N sheath se it's danger ing.
Use cloth
I tried, but it always comes off
Clank
So in the end, my body...
...more than anything else, is deadly for you.
Mark
It's reckless
SHEN-JIN...

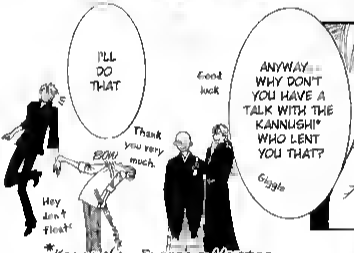
Ah...
I TOLD YOU IT'S DANGER-OUS...
NO!
Suck
NO
STOP...
Ah!
Ngh!
Suck
Lick
Ahhh...
Squish
Uuuh... ah!
Shiver
Ah!
Lick
AAH! DON'T LICK IT, STUPID!
AH! YOUR CHIN... There's some...
Pant
Pant
Pant

This is the first time I've been able hold someone I love who wasn't already a cold corpse.
Ah. I'm still all giddy
SHENJIN. I'M SORRY THAT I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO GOT OFF
It's dangerous to do more than this.
IT'S SUCH A THRILL THAT YOU AND I BOTH HAVE SOMETHING THAT COULD TAKE EACH OTHER'S SOUL...
Laugh
Don't you have any regrets? Being with a demon like me.

He is as nice a person as I thought he was. There's no need to hate him.
For me to be beside him, as I am now,
There is no greater happiness.
SHEN-JIN?
BUT ISN'T IT WONDERFUL TO THINK THAT THIS MIGHT BE A SPECIAL CONDITION EXCLUSIVELY FOR US?

Gyaaaa!!
WELL... SINCE THE HOLY SWORD IS SOMETHING I BORROWED, MAYBE I SHOULD RETURN IT...?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
You're going to return it!?




I'LL DO THAT
Good luck
Thank you very much.
BOW!
Hey don't float!
ANYWAY... WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A TALK WITH THE KANNUSHI* WHO LENT YOU THAT?
Giggle

*Kannushi = Supreme Master

FIRST OF ALL, A VISIT TO MY BROTHER! SHENJIN YOU'RE COMING WITH ME RIGHT?
WE'LL THINK ABOUT THE REST LATER.
Understood.

LET'S STAY TOGETHER IF WE DO I'M SURE EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT FINE—

END

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Half Moon Passing《Part A》

IS IT TRUE? YOU'VE LOST YOUR SWORD FORM?
NINO-MIYA...
DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS, NANAKI?

SEIZE
IF THIS "VOID'S SEAL" SPREADS ALL OVER YOUR BODY,
shiver
YOU'LL DISAPPEAR.
I KNOW THAT!
LET GO!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR MY "SWORD FORM"!
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO GO ALONE RIGHT NOW YOU'RE AN EASY TARGET FOR EVIL SPIRITS. A CHARM WOULDN'T DO MUCH TO PROTECT YOU
I'LL GO WITH YOU
Tremble
EVEN IF IT'S DANGEROUS ...?

We look like hussars, but we aren't.
We are holy spirits and we exist as the incarnations of swords.
WU...
I WON'T EVER NEED YOUR HELP!

SLASH
BROW!
By my name
Exorcise!
We obey the commands of the Kannushi
We, Heavenly Swords cut through evil spirits with our bodies.
However
We can't exist for long without our sword forms
varnish
glow
WHY DO I FEEL THAT YOU WERE DOING YOUR JOB HALF-HEARTEDLY?
NINOMIYA WAIT!
Finally!
It's finally over
SWEATIES
...I DID NO SUCH THING.

LIAR! THE SUPER ULTRA POWERFUL IMPACT OF YOUR BLOW WAS...
baaa!
boo!
WAIT ARE YOU REALLY THAT WORRIED ABOUT NANAKI?
Shummer
IF TODAY'S ERRAND IS FINISHED, ALLOW ME TO EXCUSE MYSELF, YUUNAGI-SAMA.
GOOD-BYE
SWOOSH
WAIT ..!
WA-WA-WAIT! I HAVEN'T FINISHED TALKING!
Hmph!
DON'T JUST RETURN TO THE HEAVENLY SWORD WHENEVER YOU LIKE...!
You idiot

I couldn't concentrate and I didn't follow orders.

It's not like me at all.
I know that, but...
Slide...
STEP
Glide...
I won't ever need your help!
Nanaki...
ungh...

NANA-KI...
No...
STOP ...
No...
No...
No...!
Even though he needs help from someone else, he won't ask it from me.
It was my sin that made him that way
NINO-MIYA,
I STILL
...so I trampled on Nanaki's feelings and hurt him.
I'm not good with words.

Even so, I can't lose him like this.
Not while he's still hurting...

Tap
NINOMIYA-SAN? I THOUGHT YOU WERE SLEEPING INSIDE YOUR SWORD
Again! He came without my summons again!
slurp
Hmm!
Rikushi
Mikoto
Tap
Tap
But we have kill! It's a demon!
Food's growing, Ninomiya-san.
MIKOTO, HAVE YOU SEEN NANAKI?
HUH? HE'S NOT HERE?
DUNNO
Next video game.
Tsk.
Step
Step
Nanaki... Could it be that he's by himself!...?

AH...
NANAKI
Shock
Cha...
GRIP
step
step
I WAS WORRIED.
Nanaki. His presence is growing faint.
NI... NINOMIYA

GROWL
!
Tsk.
I'M NOT IN A CONDITION THAT SHOULD MAKE YOU WORRY...
Set
SHOOK
WHAT...?

He's grown this weak...
Ah...
I I..?
DON'T WORRY, I DESTROYED IT.
Tremble Tremble
He wasn't even aware that he was being followed by an evil spirit.
Ugh...

EVEN IF YOU DON'T WANT ME THERE, AT LEAST ASK SOMEONE ELSE TO GO WITH YOU
I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU IT'S DANGEROUS
Ah...
PUSH
Ugh
YOU... YOU PROBABLY SEE ME
grasp
...AS NOTHING BUT WEAK AND USELESS.
BUT I...
I'm not good with words.
drop
WHAT!?

PLEASE DON'T FORCE YOURSELF THAN YOU ALREADY HAVE
I'M BEGGING YOU

NINOMIYA.
PLEASE, LET ME HELP YOU

NINOMIY...
ST IND UP.
AS THE OLDEST OF US, THIS ISN'T SOME-THING...
...YOU SHOULD BE DOING FOR THE YOUNGEST.
Haaa
RANK HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!
TO ME YOU ARE-
CUT IT OUT, ALREADY!
Haaa
Haaa
THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING ONE OF THE SWORDS LOSE ITS SHINE...
IS
ME
Haaa

Catch
COULD IT BE THAT YOU...?
LET ME SEE!
Stop!

!!
PULL
The seal has completely covered his body.
Ugh
Thump
I HAVE NO IDEA... IT WAS PROBABLY STOLEN. BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
It's spreading faster than I had expected.
DO YOU KNOW WHY YOU'VE LOST YOUR SWORD FORM?
I'LL BE FINE ONCE I GET MY SWORD FORM BACK!
Nanaki will die.
Grab

Squeeze
NEITHER TO YOU,
NOR ANY-ONE—
SHALL I BE A BURDEN!
NANAKI...
THIS IS...
MY PROBLEM

It's
not easy
to make up
for such
neglect.

But
I wasn't even
given the time
to try...
!
NANAKI'S
WHAT?
HE
LOST HIS
SWORD
FORM? HOW
IS THAT
POSSIBLE
...?
Stupid
Mikoto...
Hmph!
DON'T
YOU KNOW HOW
HARD IT WAS FOR
ME TO MAKE
NANAKI!?
SO?
JUST MAKE
A NEW ONE!
Beep
Beep
Beep
Beep

IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND THE ORE NEEDED TO MAKE A SWORD FORM, NOWADAYS.
Don't You Know That?
LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THIS ANYMORE. JUST DROP IT!
BUT...
Ash...
So there is a way to save him.
I have to do it, before time runs out...

If I'm the one...
I'll be able to help Naraki
DAMN IT

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Half Moon Passing ~ Part B

The fear of disappearing from this world
The fear of death
This fear is the same, even for us, the "Heavenly Swords."

SWISH
I'M NOT IMPRESSED, NINOMIYA!
A "HEAVENLY SWORD" ACTING ON HIS EMOTIONS? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
IF WE CAN'T FIND NANAKI'S SWORD FORM BEFORE HIS TIME RUNS OUT, THERE WILL BE NO CHOICE BUT TO MAKE A TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTE.
BUT FINDING THE ORE IS NOT AN OPTION...
SO YOU'RE USING YOUR SWORD AS THE MATERIAL?! THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
A NEWBIE LIKE NANAKI DESERVES TO DIE IF YOU'RE GOING TO GO THAT FAR!
I SEE... NO WONDER NANAKI COULDN'T APPROACH ANYONE FOR HELP.

swing
IT'S OBVIOUSLY THE WRONG THING TO DO!
DO YOU WANT TO DESTROY ALL YOUR POWER!? YOU'RE GOING AGAINST OUR PRINCIPLES!
IS NANAKI THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU?
I THOUGHT YOU'D UNDERSTAND
BUT UNLIKE SHIOU
SHUT UP!
IS THAT YOUR ANSWER?
YEAH
FAST ANSWER, HUH?
Oh my sword chipped

IF YOU CAN GET NANAKI TO AGREE, THEN COME TO ME
YOU'LL JUST END UP WITH A SWORD IF HE KEEPS REJECTING YOU LIKE THAT
THANK YOU, MIKOTO
HAVE FUN GETTING REJECTED, YOU IDIOT
IT'S NOT FAIR TO BRING SHIOU INTO THIS...
STUPID NINOMIYA!!
Where did Ninomiya disappear off to now?
Like I would know
We're going home!

flutter
I cowered out of fear
The first time I saw him...
CLANG
The second time I saw him...
There's no way I can measure up to him...
I was overwhelmed by his power

step
step
WHERE DO YOU PLAN ON GOING ALL ALONE?
flinch
NINOMIYA...!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK FOR YOUR SWORD FORM, THEN -
IT'S TOO LATE.
Was it because of that or despite it -
throb
HURTS
-that I couldn't keep my eyes off him?

The "void" that is eating up my body...
I'VE RUN OUT OF TIME
This pain...
step
THEN WHERE...
I'M GOING WHERE NO ONE CAN FIND ME
step
Death.
AND IF...
...I WERE?
ARE YOU PLANNING TO DIE UNNOTICED?

CREAK
THEN I SHALL GO WITH YOU.
!
I REFUSE YOUR OFFER.
WHY?
STEP
...
STEP
IF YOU CAN'T ANSWER, THEN LET US GO TOGETHER
DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!

The pain won't stop.
PANT
PANT
sigh
SHIT!
pang
NANAKI
I'M INFERIOR TO YOU AFTER ALL. I HAVE ACHIEVED NOTHING THROUGH MY OWN EFFORTS.
PANT
NA-NAKI
crunch
LAUGH, NINOMIYA.

grit
I'LL NEED SO MUCH MORE TIME TO CATCH UP WITH YOU
AND IT'S ALREADY TOO-
Let's disappear together.

DON'T KID AROUND WITH ME!!
IF IT'S WITH YOU, I WOULDN'T MIND.
IT'S BEEN ALMOST A THOUSAND YEARS SINCE I WAS CREATED I DON'T MIND DISAPPEARING NOW
WHA...?
CLENCH
I'M DYING BECAUSE THERE'S NO OTHER WAY!
Because... there's no use...!
WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THERE WAS A WAY TO LIVE?

HUH?
IF YOU HAVE NOT GIVEN UP; IF YOU STILL DESIRE LIFE...
...THEN I WILL BE ABLE TO HELP YOU.
NINO... MIYA?
I WILL SPLIT MY SWORD FORM AND FORGE TWO SWORDS SO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO USE ONE TO LIVE.

FOR YOU,
I WOULD BREAK MY FORM IN HALF.
CHINK!
!!
WE ARE NOT HUMAN.
BECAUSE OF THAT, WE CAN LITERALLY BREAK OURSELVES IN HALF FOR THE SAKE OF OUR LOVED ONES

I SHOULD HAVE SAID THIS IN THE BEGINNING
THUMP
WHY DO YOU
I WANT TO LIVE ON TOGETHER WITH YOU
I COULDN'T PUT INTO WORDS WHAT I WANTED TO TELL YOU THE MOST
I AM SORRY

Y-
YOU SHOULDN'T BE SAYING THIS—
I'M SORRY
MY ORDER WAS WRONG AND I ENDED UP HURTING YOU
slip
twitch
YOU, A CHILD —?
I ACTED LIKE A SELFISH CHILD
REACHING OUT FOR THINGS I WANTED WITHOUT EXPRESSING WHAT I FELT
NINO-MIYA
IT'S SHAMEFUL TO ADMIT AFTER ALREADY LIVING FOR A THOUSAND YEARS

thump
Ninomiya...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE ALOOF AND WOULDN'T CARE MUCH OF ME
I WAS A LITTLE AFRAID OF YOU
IS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT?
tremble
squeeze
NINO-MIYA
I WANT TO SEE YOU SMILE WILL YOU GIVE ME THE CHANCE . TO GIVE YOU THE TIME TO DO SO?

SQUEEZE
Nanaki.
YOU ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO ME
Ah...
Ah...
I FEEL THAT WAY FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART
SO...

Nin-
omiya
...
sob
I DIDN'T WANT TO DIE
TO LEAVE YOU AND GO ALONE...
I DIDN'T
drip
drip
REALLY ?
hic
BUT HOW COULD I SAY SOMETHING SO EMBARRASSING ?
sniffle
WILL YOU LIVE ON BY MY SIDE, NANAKI?

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! AND WITHOUT ANY WORD TO YOUR MASTER!

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT TOO BUT NINOMAYA DOESN'T LISTEN TO A WORD I SAY
WHAT IF SOMETHING HAD GONE WRONG?
GULJI-DONO
WHY DO YOU THINK US HEAVENLY SWORDS HAVE HUMAN-LIKE EMOTIONS?
I'm S-SO... SORRY...

YES, NINOMAYA
LIVE WITH ME FOREVER

SWORDS DO NOT NEED EMOTIONS BUT THEY WERE GIVEN TO US
THAT MEANS WE HAVE THE *RIGHT* TO CHOOSE WHAT WE MAKE OF OURSELVES

BESIDES, IF NANAKI HAD VANISHED, YOU WOULD HAVE LOST ALL THE MONEY AND TIME YOU SPENT IN CREATING HIM, RIGHT?
For a sword you get right to the point, don't you?
Money!
MY POWER IS STABLE IF IT IS UNDER NINOMIYA'S CARE...
...AND NOW THAT WE HAVE TIME, WE CAN LOOK FOR MY LOST SWORD FORM.
Ninomiya...
You just can't make these decisions...

I-I'M SORRY THAT WE ARE REQUESTING PERMISSION, BUT...
SLIDE
Huh!?
WH-NANAKI!?
SURE I CAN. I'M NOT A HUMAN
YOU...!
WH-
WH NANAKI!?
AHeee!
"CLANG"
"THUNK"
Two swords as one, we will exorcise evil.
Our objective as Heavenly Swords will not change.

SW
ISH
WE BOTH PUT OURSELVES IN YOUR SERVICE.
NANAKI AND NINOMIYA.
Twin swords
I'LL MAKE SURE YOU WORK YOUR WORTH!
God... as if you're trying to show off to me
Oya? Got me the wrong sword. I'll take care of the pain!
Ugh
Ugh
Ugh

WE SHALL
END

みつる月の楔
Crescent Moon Mirage

SHENJIN... TODAY'S MEAL IS WAY TOO SALTY
salty!!
R Really? But yesterday you said "This is way too bland!"
Hard to believe, but my roommate is a monster

Salty?
UGH... WELL, IT MAKES YOU REALLY THIRSTY AND YOU FEEL THIS BURNING IN YOUR THROAT
UH... WELL, YOU SEE EVEN A PINCH OF SALT CAN MAKE SOMETHING TASTE "SALTY"
mumble mumble

STRUGGLE
Burning..?
I'll be careful next time
Being a monster makes him different from us humans in many ways.
For one thing, he doesn't eat food.
DON'T BE SO DOWN ABOUT IT I'LL STILL EAT IT
THANKS TO YOUR COOKING, I'M PRETTY HEALTHY RIGHT NOW
chew
Why is the rice sweet?
Your diet was problematic to begin with, Taranosuke
But he's a really good guy.
In one day humans require nutrients from 30 different categories! Meat or fish, vegetables, shellfish, all are important!!
You're watching too much TV!
hahaha
thump

You've never done anything by yourself before, have you Toranosuke?
WOW I COULD NEVER BE THAT GOOD WITH MY HANDS
tap tap
I'll cut up some fruits, so you better eat them.
REALLY?
CLANK
here
Even I know how to boil water
HEY SHENJIN, ABOUT THIS SWORD...

You wouldn't care if you could never touch me again?
I THINK I SHOULD RETURN IT
CLENCH
OF COURSE I'D CARE
BUT WE CAN'T JUST TURN A BLIND EYE FOREVER, RIGHT?
hmph.

THUNK
Without this sword, we'd never be able to do things like this...
I don't want to hear it, Teranosuke.
AHH!
...ever again.

Shenjin is a monster
GEEZ...
IT'S STILL MORNING, SHENJIN
Keep a tight grip on that sword, Toranosuke
slip
Mm
HE'S HOPELESS

NN
WATCH OUT, SHENJIN, YOU'LL GET HURT
These hands are much more dangerous.
Don't let go of that sword
Kiss
AH!
I KNOW

His touch sucks the life out of humans. In order to take his hand I need the "HeavenlySword of Exorcism"...more than anything.
SQUEEZE
Shenjin...
Toranosuke, I need you to come with me.
Huh?

There's a place I want you to see.
...is where Sherylin used to come all the time.
crunch
THIS PARK
crunch
crunch

I've seen Shenjin crying here countless times.
THUMP
WHAT ABOUT THIS PLACE?
This is a grave...
...of a person that I loved a long time ago
CLENCH
!!
This person was kind,
But there was an earthquake and she got trapped underneath a building

I was able to help her out of the rubble before the fires.
but my hands... sucked the life out of her.
All the people I fail in love with grew cold in these hands.

Please, don't return it.
I too hate the idea of never being able to touch Sheryln again.
I love you, Tetsuo-suke
Thanks to that sword, I can feel your warmth.

Why is it that any fabric I use to cover th sword falls right off?
THE "NANA" ON IT IS FADING?
CLINK
ARGH, IT HAPPENED AGAIN
But...
?
WHAT WAS THAT!?
Someone's face..?
hover

I THINK...
IT'S SAYING IT WANTS TO GO HOME
Toranosuke!
In the first place, I...
FLINCH
Don't lie to me you're going to return it!
I CAN'T STAY STILL ANYMORE THIS CAN'T GO ON
WE SHOULD AT LEAST TALK TO THE KANNUSHI* THAT LENT US THIS SWORD

*kannushi: head of the temple

CLANG
Huh...!?
Fools that intrude on our holy boundaries~
Name thyselves!
gnnn

SHENJIN, DON'T BE PROVOKED!
Sniff
WE SHOULD BE THANKING THEM. HEY, LISTEN!
W...WAIT!!
SHENJIN?! AND YOU TWO OVER THERE!
DIVE
They're enemies!!
You filthy monster!!
CLASH!!

STOP!!
HE MIGHT BE A MONSTER.
BUT HE SAVED MY BROTHER'S LIFE! HE'S A GOOD PERSON!
CLICK

gasp
WHA- THAT SWORD!
It's him...!!
WHY DO YOU HAVE...

That sword belongs to Nanaki.
Are you the ones who stole it?
Do you know how much suffering Nanaki had to endure because of that?
block
W-WAIT A SECOND!
THE KANNUSHI LENT THIS TO ME!
!
Guuu*-dono?
How could that...
Yes, Nanaki. I lent it to him
*Guuji=head priest

Guuji-dono!?
withdraw your swords
Ninomiya Naraki
Umu
I do, but...
Do you not need it anymore, Tovanosuke-kun?

I WANT TO RETURN IT TO YOU.
Don't give it back!
Without it, my hands will be lethal to him! I don't want to hurt people I love anymore!
Please don't take Toranosuke's warmth away from me!
Shenjin_

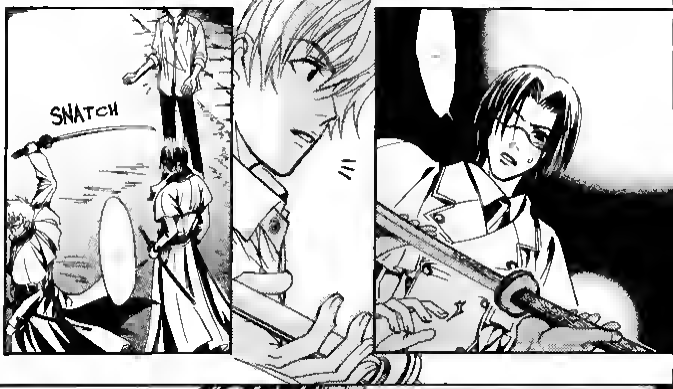
reach
SHEN-JIN
EVEN IF THE SWORD IS GONE IT DOESN'T MEAN I'LL DISAPPEAR WITH IT
I CAN STILL TOUCH YOU
See?
WE CAN STILL KISS
Tōrano-suke!
stagger

I'M OKAY.
IT MIGHT NOT BE THE HAPPY ENDING YOU WANTED, SHENJIN.
BUT WE'VE ONLY JUST STARTED.
DON'T COME TO SUCH A FAST CONCLUSION.
I WANT TO SEE NEW THINGS WITH YOU, TO TALK WITH YOU...
EVER SINCE WE STARTED LIVING TOGETHER, I'VE BEEN SMILING A LOT MORE.
Tora-nosuke...

ALL THE WARMTH YOU WANT IS RIGHT HERE.
THERE ARE OTHER PLACES TO FEEL WARMTH
WHEN I'M WITH YOU I FEEL REALLY WARM HERE
YOU DO TOO, RIGHT?

It's okay
I'll be here,
Shenjin

I'LL RETURN THIS SWORD TO YOU
THANK YOU FOR ALL THIS TIME.
All right
Nanaki, accept it


SNATCH

Guuji-dono, if you would allow me...

Yuunagi-sama... I'd like to give this sword to him.
Huh...?
Nanaki!? What do you think you're doing!?
Do you disagree Ninomiya?
Of course!
You are aware of how much suffering Nanaki had to endure searching for it!
It's Nanaki's first favor! ♥
I don't mind.
Guuji-dono!
Then how about a frag-ment?
The heavenly sword has spiritual power. It should have the same effect.
CLICK
SHING

CLINK
I figured... it was the same as when you taught me to hold things dear
And I'm sure he will take good care of it.
Straining yourself...
stagger
Even if it broke your bond, you brought it back, and so I thank you.

CLENCH
SHENJIN
twitch
Th-

IT'S SHAPED LIKE A WEDGE

squeeze
A WEDGE THAT FILLS THE GAP BETWEEN THINGS ! IT'S PERFECT
THUMP
WE OWE A LOT TO THEM, DON'T WE?

Thank you...

You're like a kid!
You like sticking to me don't you Shenjie?
Haha.
You're so warm!
It's thanks to them that we can finally be like this—
—that's why we'll treasure it with our lives.

Just
feeling
each other
is enough to
make us
happy.
Right
now...
...we
are more
grateful than
anyone can
possibly
imagine.
END

- Hello, this is DUO BRAND we are two mangaka as one

- THIS IS OUT FIRST FULL VOLUME FROM HANAOTO!
  WE GATHERED ALL THE STORIED THAT HAVE TO DO
  WITH THE HEAVENLY SWORDS HERE ALL THE STORIES
  IN THIS VOLUME HAVE THEIR OWN UNIQUE ATMOSPHERE
  SPIRITS AND DEMONS PRIESTS AND APPRENTICES AND ONLY
  ONE NORMAL HUMAN! CREATING SOMETHING THIS OTHERWORLD-
  LIKE WAS DIFFICULT BUT VERY FUN.

- I LOVE JAPANESE SWORDS. ENOUGH TO COLLECT BOTH THE
  LARGE AND SMALL ONES, EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE FAKE (LAUGH)
  I LOVE THE TACHI TOO! THE ELEGANCE! IT WAS SPRING AND AT
  AGE THREE I WAS ALREADY FIERCELY EYEING THE 45CM TACHI
  THAT WAS BOUGHT TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF MY BROTHER I
  GUESS WHAT YOU LIKE WHEN YOU'RE SMALL NEVER CHANGES AS
  YOU GROW UP (LAUGH)—BUT NEVERTHELESS I CHOSE THIS "TACHI" AS
  A THEME FOR A SERIES OF STORIES

- NOW ON TO THE CHARACTERS (MAYBE THIS SHOULD HAVE COME FIRST?)
  I TRY TO DESIGN CHARACTERS THAT I HAVEN'T USED BEFORE THEN I
  CREATE CHARACTERS THAT ARE THEIR OPPOSITE I TRY TO DESIGN
  THEM SO THAT NONE HAVE THE SAME HAIRSTYLE OR ARE IN THE SAME
  AGE GROUP AS THE MAIN CHARACTER THIS IS USUALLY HOW I
  CREATE MY WORLDS, BUT THIS TIME AROUND THE FIRST CHARACTER
  I FINISHED DESIGNING WAS TORANOSUKE I DON'T DRAW MUCH OF THE
  TEENAGE BOY TYPE SO IT WAS REFRESHING FOR ME AND AS ONE OF THE
  SIDE CHARACTERS A BALD BUDDHIST MONK (LATER NAMED YOUSHOU)
  SINCE ONE OF US DUO LIKES BALD CHARACTERS THERE IS USUALLY AT
  LEAST ONE BALD SIDE CHARACTER IN OUR SERIES

- NEXT I THOUGHT OF WHAT DESIGN TO USE FOR THE MAIN CHARACTERS
  SWORDS I FIGURED A REGULAR SWORD WOULD BE BORING SO I
  ATTACHED A HOLY SPIRIT TO IT IF A SPIRIT REALLY DID RESIDE INSIDE
  A TACHI IMAGINE HOW BEAUTIFUL IT WOULD BE! IT MUST BE SO COOL
  SO PRETTY AND CUTE IT MUST BE AN OVERWHELMINGLY STRONG SPIRIT!!
  YES... IT'S "MOE" TOO. SO I DESIGNED A SPIRIT CHARACTER ACCORDING
  TO WHAT PLEASED US WE FIGURED THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH
  GOING ALL OUT "MOE" SO WE APPLIED AMPLE QUANTITIES OF OUR "MOE"
  (GLASSES HAIR THAT'S PARTED DOWN THE MIDDLE, EXTRAVAGANT COSTUMES!).

  -WE ENDED UP WITH 7 OF THEM, AND ON TOP OF THAT, SOME WERE
  COUPLED TOGETHER.
  -THUS WE HAD ANOTHER STORYLINE GOING

- OF COURSE WE NEEDED OUR SETTING WE HAD A TACHI WITH A HOLY
  SPIRIT AND EXTRAVAGANT COSTUMES SO WHAT MORE TO ADD THAN A
  KANNUSHI? WHERE DO YOU FIND KANNUSHI'S? IN A TEMPLE! THE
  SETTING WAS DECIDED QUITE EASILY YES IT WAS. THEN WE NEEDED
  TO DESIGN THE PRIESTS! FIRST THE HEAD PRIEST THEN A SENIOR PRIEST,
  AND OF COURSE THE ONE THAT ASSISTS HAS TO BE THE SEME!?
  ANOTHER STORY IS BORN WHAT?

- ALL IN ALL, THAT'S HOW THE WORLD CAME TO BE AND THUS THE
  STORIES WERE BORN. JUST LIKE THE TITLE SAYS IT'S LIKE PEEKING
  INTO A MERE "FRAGMENT" OF THEIR LIVES IN THIS WORLD OF
  HEAVENLY SWORDS MANY MORE "FRAGMENTS" EXIST TRAGIC LOVE
  HEARTWARMING STORIES AND EVEN ELOPEMENT... PERHAPS WE SHALL
  MEET THEM AGAIN.

- THANK YOU FOR READING THIS FAR! MUCH GRATITUDE TO THE MANAGER
  WHO WHIPPED US TO BRING THIS DREAM OF A FULL VOLUME TO REALITY!
  AND TO K-KAWA'S OLDER SISTER WHO HELPED US WITH THE TONEWORK!

- Let us meet again in a future story..!! 2006 DUO BRAND.